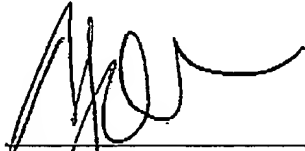


REMARKS

Having filed a continuation application from the parent application and thus attaining a filing date after November 29, 1999, Applicant urges the Examiner to consider that the previous rejections under *Brody et al.*, U.S. Patent No. 6,278,697 are no longer appropriate under 35 U.S.C. § 103(c) in that *Brody et al.* describe a method and apparatus for processing multi-protocol communications in which the identity of each communication device involved in the particular communication is identified and any conversion required of a particular communication is accomplished by first converting an incoming message having a first communication protocol format into a generic communication protocol format and thereafter converting that message from a generic communication protocol format into a message having a second communication protocol format, which is appropriate for receipt by the second communication device. The claims of the present application, for which claim 1 is selected as an exemplar, expressly recite that wireless and wireline functions are linked to and from the communication network via a asynchronous transfer mode infrastructure "utilizing a network access function within a network edge switch..." in a manner which is not anticipated by *Brody et al.* Consequently, the Examiner's rejection must not necessarily be lodged under 35 U.S.C. § 103 and, as *Brody et al.* is assigned on its phase to Nortel Networks Limited and as the present application is also assigned to Nortel Networks Corporation, the current name of the Corporation, as evidenced by the Assignment set forth at Reel 010382, Frame 0611. *Brody et al.* is no longer an effective reference against the present application and an early indication of the allowability of the present claims is respectfully requested

No extension of time is believed to be required. However, in the event that an extension of time is required, please charge that extension fee and any other required fees to **Deposit Account Number 50-3083**.

Respectfully submitted,



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